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Cagers Close Season Against Lakewood Here Tonight

Hi-Y Fandango Tonight in Gym To Be Shared by Lakewoodites

Inevitably the possibility of termites has begun to trouble the Shakerite. There are, in truth, symptoms that the Shakerite already has termites. There is a sort of boring sensation from within. However, if you have deciphered any of this article's hieroglyphics by the time the gun has sounded, indicating the completion of the Shaker-Lakewood hardwood tilt tonight, you may rest assured that boredom can be eliminated by "double-timing" to the Shaker Hi-Y Victory Dance.

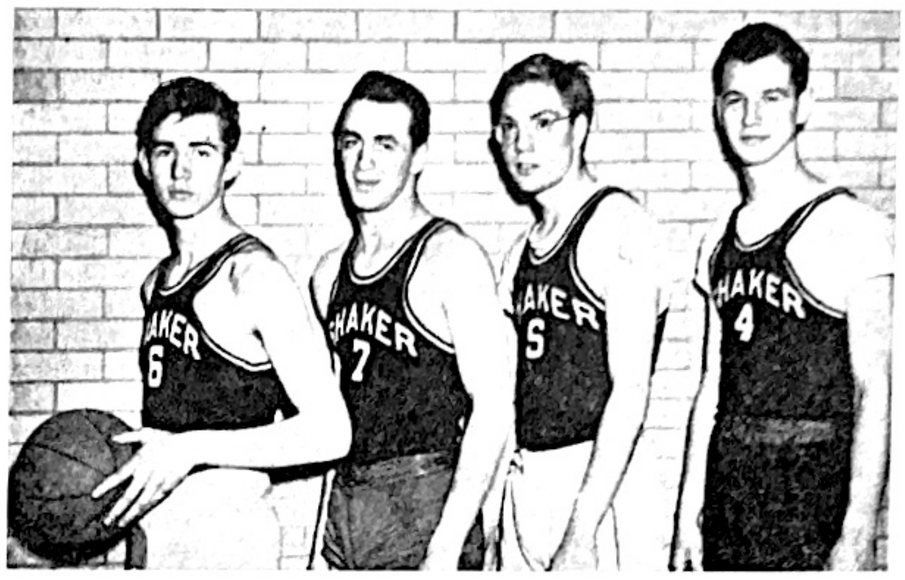
Distinguishing the dance will be the presence of various and sundry Lakewood Hi-Y members who have been issued written invitations by the Shaker chapter. Tonight is Shaker's unrivaled opportunity to hold its own in the dancing world and equal whatever steps Lakewood's cotillion crowd have ready to unleash against the honor of this school.

Those old stand-bys, Ross Cowan and Dick Falls, are acting as maestros for the evening with their recordings. Shakerites can stand triumphantly under red and white trappings, while streamers of purple and gold will welcome the followers of the West Side Rangers.

Backed by a larger Shaker Hi-Y chapter this dance is one for the books. The Social Committee, monarched by Dick Falls, who has registered so many dance successes this season, is contemplating the renting of Public Music Hall for tonight's festivities.

Norm Schoen and the General, John Harbourt, serve as sponsors for the senior and junior Hi-Y clubs, respectively. Perhaps these faculty members themselves, not to be outdone by their students, will take a whirl or so on the dance floor.

Hiccups and all other modes of strutting must click this evening; therefore, all Shakerites, particularly adept at the most recent dancing styles, are urgently encouraged to enter the arena of interscholastic dancing. Being so permitted, we mortals will view the conflict from the sidelines and keep a tally of the jigging.



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Pictured here, left to right, are Jack Balazs, Carl Cummings, Art Portugal, and Dave Dressler, four of the five senior courtmen who will play their last game tonight. The fifth, Neil Ruddock, was absent when the picture was taken.

Five Courtmen End Careers In Final Fray

The 1945-1946 basketball season will be concluded by the Shaker Cagers when they clash with the Rampant Rangers of Lakewood High this evening on our court.

The game will mark the last efforts on the hardwood for seniors Dave Dressler, Art Portugal, Neil Ruddock, Jack Balazs, and Carl Cummings. Dressler, the one returning letterman from last year's team, and Portugal are two of the leading scorers on the squad, while Neil Ruddock plays his last game for Shaker as the sole three-year veteran on the varsity. In addition, the work of mid-year graduates Mike Narten and Jim Jones should be recalled when discussing the seniors who performed on this season's team.

Thus, with nearly a full season recorded for posterity, the squad is primed to end the season with a good finish by defeating the Lakewood quintet, still smarting from defeat at our hands in three of the last five contests. In addition the 33-12 upset victory in football administered by the Raiders this fall is still fresh in the minds of the Ranger rooters. As a result, prospects point to a well fought finish by both teams.

School Voices Approval of European Educational Relief

This morning when you arose you stepped out of a warm bed onto a floor covered with a soft rug. You had a big breakfast and then bundled up to take the transit to school, or walk a few blocks. You attended school in a heated building, sat in a comfortable room, and read from books, wrote on paper. You ate lunch as usual in the cafeteria or went out for your meal. You have a home to return to and parents who can give you a good dinner. You are an American, and mighty lucky.

But if you were French, Norwegian, or Dutch, you wouldn't have those everyday meals you take for granted; even those boring days at school would become precious. You would live, night and day, in the same article of clothing; you would have very little food, and regular meals would become mere dreams; allowance or an afternoon at the movies would be unheard of. Your bed would be straw or hay on a cold floor that would be shared with many others. You'd probably have tuberculosis or would be so weak you could barely stand.

Their need is great and Shaker has realized that necessity. Stirred by Dr. Kershner's speech, Shaker adopted a school through the "Save the Children" Federation. The largest possible school was chosen by the representatives in Council meeting. They decided to send $500 to a school for their year. To obtain this money a drive was conducted in the homerooms throughout February. An average of about a dime per person per week was set, though more was needed to raise the amount. The drive ends a week from tomorrow. Next time you drop in at Standard's or the "A" for your usual sundae, remember a ragged little figure, starving, sitting on a dirty curb. And then save that twenty cents to "save the children."

Glen L. Morris Appears Here in Assembly Monday

Mrs. Strela's assembly committee continues its practice of arranging educational and entertaining programs for Shaker. Dr. Howard E. Kershner of the Save the Children Federation, and Mary Hutchinson, talented Broadway star, already appeared before the school in different assemblies. Glen L. Morris will present his science demonstration, "On the Beam," on Monday. In the distant future, [illegible] Norman Staiger of the chemistry department and [illegible] address system, will give program devoted to his singing.

Glen L. Morris, who is no stranger to Shaker students, will present a popularized science demonstration on Monday, February 25. With his large array of equipment he will introduce Shaker to the scientific developments, particularly in the field of aviation, brought out by the war. Students selected from the audience will participate in this program.

Dr. Kershner spoke to the school on behalf of the Save the Children Federation. He urged Shakerites to donate clothing for the impoverished children of Europe and to give money to help rebuild their schools. Dick Moat, chairman of the Civics Committee, officially launched Shaker on this campaign. In this assembly Ross Cowan welcomed the new 10B students.

Mary Hutchinson Dramatizes Shakespearean Heroines

Miss Mary Hutchinson, attractive young actress, presented dramatic portraits of Shakespeare's heroines on February 12th. Each character stepped forth garbed in an appropriate costume. Her repertoire included:

The Merchant of Venice.....
.....told by Portia
Macbeth.....told by Lady Macbeth
As You Like It....told by Rosalind

Shaker Contributes In Clothing Drive

During the recent clothing drive, which lasted from January 14 to 31, Shaker High students contributed an estimated twenty-five hundred pounds of clothing to the U. N. R. R. A. (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.)

"Uncle Bus" Thrailkill and the Civics Committee of the Student Council, headed by Dick Moat, managed the drive. The remaining committee members are: Sam Caruso, Nancy Priode and Bill Hanscom.

Shakerites contributed twelve large bags of shoes alone to the drive. They gave all types of clothing for both summer and winter wear. Not only the high school but the entire Shaker Community contributed to the drive.

12A Play Chosen As Tryouts Begin

Many seniors indicated their desire to participate in and further the promotion of the 12A Class Play when applications were sent to the senior homerooms several weeks ago. The play will be presented on Friday, May 17, under the direction of Mrs. "Aunt Bus" Thrailkill.

The play that will be produced was recently chosen from "Best Foot Forward," "Junior Miss," "The Late Christopher Bean," and "The Whole Town's Talking," by a group of seniors consisting of Neil Ruddock, Merny Hamilton, Jane Casey, Dick Mapes, Lois Anderson, Mary Ann Early, Stuart Kuhn, Leonard Soloway, Dick Falls, and Jim Smith. Mrs. Thrailkill will pick the players in a tryout which will be held very soon.

10B's Establish Budget Book Mark

The Student Council has gone through its usual metamorphosis this semester because of graduation and the arrival of another industrious 10B class. Dan Passell, representative, and Mike Narten, alternate, from 102, together with Bill Harper and Lida Paull Faber from 304 made their exit with the January, 1946, graduating class.

The new 10B representatives and their alternates, elected on Tuesday of the first week of the new semester, are as follows: Bill Beutel and Jim Davis, 102; Fred Harrell and Martha Leas, Cafeteria; and Mary Roderick and Jay Silverburg, 304.

The fine spirit of the new 10B's was demonstrated through the results of the Budget Book sale held exclusively for their benefit during the first part of the semester. The entire class of seventy-four, to a man, purchased the budget book to account for their unbeatable 100 per cent record.

2200 Dimes Stacked In Paralysis Drive

The 1946 March of Dimes campaign was conducted here at Shaker in the homerooms during the week of January 21-25. Little sales talk was needed to produce generous givers, for the entire nation has become deeply impressed with the tremendous effects that these annual drives exert in furthering the cause of infantile paralysis cure.

Shaker High's contribution to this commendable cause amounted to the sum of $226.49. (That's a lot of dimes—but who stole the odd penny?) With a total enrollment of 927 pupils, this sum represents an average contribution of $.2444 per student.

In addition to the fact that these individual donations gave Shaker an opportunity to develop its humane and charitable instincts, the drive also helped to create a friendly spirit of rivalry among the thirty-four homerooms. The two top-ranking homerooms were: Mr. Garner's homeroom 206, with $12.50, represented by Elizabeth Benton; Miss Laitem's homeroom 215, with $11.39, represented by Bill Hanscom.

Shaker Secures Four-Star Films

Many Shaker students are pondering over the question, "Which is the better half of the lunch period, the food or the noon movies?" To answer that question to its fullest extent is easily accomplished with one look at the list of fine movies coming up.

Between now and spring vacation, many a swoon and sigh will escape from the small auditorium. The cause for that conglomeration of sounds will be that the sarong girl, Dorothy Lamour, and the groaner, Bing Crosby, who are starring in "Dixie."

For all those who thrive on a good mystery, "The Uninvited" with Ruth Hussey and Ray Milland will hit the spot.

When "Diamond Horseshoe" rolls around it will be the girls' turn to swoon and the boys' turn to drool, for the stars are none other than Dick Haymes and Betty Grable.

"Tonight and Every Night" is one of those pictures which nobody can afford to miss. With Lee Bowman and Rita Hayworth as its stars it's a sure-fire hit.

For anyone whose interest runs along the daring and dangerous lines, "Woman in the Window" is your movie. Edward G. Robinson and Joan Bennett depict an exciting story of intrigue in which murder plays a leading role.

To round out the schedule of movies, "The Impatient Years" has been added to the list. James Craig and Marsha Hunt team up together and turn in a laughable performance that live up to all the standards of good comedy.

Two by Two

Jane Casey

This month we have up to bat as our feminine "Two by Two," Jane Casey, who has enough personality, charm, and "wim, wigor and witality" to make up for two or three normal people. (We don't mean by that that Jane is abnormal!) She is plenty active. Proof of this fact is that she is president of the Canteen Committee, a member of the Central Committee, Social Chairman of her class, both this year and last, but most definitely not least, she has been a cheerleader for two years and loves it!

Janie has a heavy schedule this year, for she's taking English, Spanish, history and chemistry (Wow!). But . . . her last report card showed 3 A's and a B. (It must be nice, what?)

We've been informed that Jane isn't a native of Shaker Heights but was born in Cleveland Heights, but we don't really believe it. Anyhow, the kids around Shaker like her well enough to have crowned her Junior Queen last year.

Among the numbers tops on her Hit Parade are "Stardust," "Honey" (!), and "Night and Day." She absolutely can't stand butterscotch pudding or cocoanut, but she adores chocolate sundaes and creampuffs (ain't that sweet?). Jane's favorite color is blue, and at night after school she loves to wear blue jeans and a long shirt (poor pa!).

Tops on her list of "unfavorable characteristics" is catty girls. That doesn't go with Janie at all. And, fellas, here's some info which you might save for future reference: "Casey" likes tall, blond boys (that's a joke, Al—joke, that is!), and she intensely dislikes boys who (1) don't look at least a little dressed up at dances; (2) try to "deal it off," and (3) use words of which they don't know the meaning.

Jane said she believes the thing she hates to think about the most is the fact that she'll be leaving Shaker so soon, and our guess is that Shaker certainly doesn't like the idea *either*.

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Al Littman

Through the portals of Shaker have passed many students who will never be forgotten for one reason or another. This spring Al Littman will join the ranks of those who have

Credit to Behner

left and will always be remembered. Al's plans are not definite, but he hopes to go to Northwestern, Duke, or Michigan, after which he will try his hand at business.

He is known to everyone because of his great work in sports here at school. During the fall he played football, and now Al is really tops in wrestling!

Al is president of the Central Committee and on the 12A social committee. He is a member of both the Congressional and Booster Clubs, so it's plain to see that he's really needed at Shaker. Al carries four subjects, his favorite of which is chemistry. He likes to blow things up—so-o fascinating. His most surprising accomplishment is that he, along with Jane Casey and John Richardson, preside over the cafeteria homeroom for Miss Sellers, and he boasts that it's the most quiet homeroom in the school. There they even hear the announcements!

When Al's time is not occupied by one of his numerous school activities, he loafs around and just has a good, lazy time. He loves bottles upon bottles of "cow juice" and Mawby hamburgers, the King Cole Trio, the Benny Goodman Sextette, "Paper Moon" and "There's No You." With a broad smile, Al confessed that he likes Cornel Wilde because he's so rugged. Al's look, with a fiendish glint in his eyes (and oh, what eyes!), seemed to answer the question about his favorite actress; as movies come and go his opinion changes.

Shaker will find it hard to part with someone as outstanding as Al, and as well liked by everyone—he's terrific!

Parking Lot Deal Demands Action

During the past several weeks a situation has arisen here in Shaker High School that is entirely out of tune with the prevailing student attitude—call it school spirit if you will. Some students have been more or less "running wild" in the school parking lots while the lunch periods are in progress. In a few instances, this "horsing around" has reached a serious extent and has resulted in circumstances which definitely cause a black mark to be scratched on Shaker's otherwise clean conduct slate.

Several times since the beginning of the semester, door locks on faculty and student cars have been jimmied and the autos broken into. Bicycles and motor scooters have been thrown around and generally mistreated by these same groups, who seemingly have no respect for the other fellow's property. A measure of disrespect toward fellow students has also been displayed by bands of pupils yelling and shouting from within parked cars.

This evidence of "lunch period lag" and general restleness belies the fact that Shaker has one of the finest noon recreation programs among high schools of the city. In addition to the pleasant surroundings of a student-run cafeteria, noon dancing in the gym and full-length movies headline an imposing list of worthwhile mid-day activities. With this complete array of possibilities to choose from, it seems strange even to see students drifting into the parking lots with aimless purpose.

Of course, the actual damage done has been caused by a very small minority in the school, but nevertheless, the effect of their actions on the rest of the student body, as well as the community, creates an unhealthy and an unwanted attitude in a school such as Shaker.

A. P.

Someday . . .

By Roberta Good

Informed that the rate of skipping classes has increased alarmingly in the past few weeks, Shaker Low School authorities have recently announced the adoption of a new, absolutely leak-proof (that's a joke, son) absentee system. Although the innovation of the absentee list last fall partially corrected this situation, Herman X. Finkel, principal of the school, having decided that further measures must be taken, has set forth the following rules by which both students and faculty must abide:

1. If the student's name appears on the absentee list, he is required to cut classes for the rest of the day. Penalty for violating this rule is three demerits.

2. If the student wishes to skip any class, he may do so legally only by being late to his first period class, thus getting his name on the absentee list. To avoid the penalty involved in Rule I, if he does not wish to cut all classes, he must explain the situation fully to the dean and teacher involved.

3. Notes for any and all absences must be given to the deans. If the student feels he cannot inform his parents of his delinquency, one written by himself or a friend will suffice.

4. If, after eating out, the student does not wish to return for afternoon classes, he must phone the dean concerning his decision. Penalty for violation: two weeks' enforced vacation. Final plea referred to MacArthur.

In making sure these rules are obeyed to the letter, faculty members are permitted to take such drastic steps as throwing erasers, breaking rulers, and throwing out test papers. These measures, of course, are only for nervous teachers and must never be inflicted upon helpless students.

News From Camps and Campuses

By Beverly Rich

Recently exchanging their khaki uniforms, and bell-bottom trousers, for sport jackets and blue serge suits were **Dave Benedict, Chuck Womer, Bill Heintz, Dick Mullan, Saul Russo, Eugene Christian, Rex Pottinger, Al Roberts, Frank Collister,** and **Bob Bingham.** Most of the fellows are very anxious to continue with their education—**Chuck Womer, Dave Benedict** have applied to Perdue; **Al Roberts** plans to take advantage of a scholarship that awaits him at Brown University.

Frank Collister, who bailed out of an airplane while in the Paratroopers and spent eleven months as a prisoner of the Germans, is hoping to take up aeronautical engineering at the University of Texas; and **Sal Russo** has made application at Mt. Union.

Already back in college are **Eugene Christian at Miami U.** and **Tex Pottinger** at John Carroll.

Roger Bercu is now at San Fernando, Luzon, with the Merchant Marine, and writes that the co-operation of the Filipinos is wonderful. "They feel that anything that comes 'stateside' is as close as coming from a god as possible and they go out of their way to accommodate you." Rog also mentioned the fluent English most of the natives spoke and the large English vocabularies they possessed. Maybe we could get some of them to come to Shaker and take the Scholastic Aptitude Tests for us!

Vic Gelb was recently promoted to 3rd Officer aboard the S.S. Edward Burleson, which is now headed for Manila. Nice going, "sir."

Lt. Robert Clements is still in Honington, England, where he is in charge of running an airfield and managing a control tower. Bob says he has plenty of time on his hands which gives him a chance to see all the sights in England that he didn't get to during the war.

Remember "in the good old days" how lots of students would go abroad to college? Well, **Corp. Bob Brunner** is doing just that! The army is sending him to a university in Biarritz, France.

Dick Steuer is at Camp Butner, North Carolina, waiting and hoping for a discharge.

2nd Lieut. Tom Paisley is on his way to China or Japan with the army of occupation. Maybe he'll come back to Shaker and teach us how to speak Chinese.

Dick Enright writes that he's a member of the star basketball team on Noumea, New Caledonia. "We had an All-Star game with the Army and beat them, 45-34." Well, chalk one up for the Navy!

Cowan's Corner

The sports schedule is at its turning point this week at Shaker, and is about to undergo the transition from its winter program to the new one of the approaching spring season. Last Saturday the swimming team ended its local appearance at the Lake Erie Championship meet; yesterday our wrestlers finished up their dual meets and are preparing to go into the City Tournaments next weekend. Both of these teams have represented Shaker well, each boasting several potential state champions. Shaker also plays her last basketball contest here this evening. This Red Raider Five, however unfortunate, deserves a good share of the credit for its unceasing determination and fight.

While the baseball and track teams are getting in shape in the coming weeks, we of the entire student body need to do some training and reshaping, too. It has been a tradition in our school to keep behind a team as long as it is winning, but when its fortunes begin to slip our enthusiasm seems to slip with it. Though this subject has been brought up and tossed about countless times before, and though there has been some improvement, we still haven't brought ourselves around to a place where we give our wholehearted support at all times. The key to a re-animated spirit is an appreciation of the time and work the fellows put into developing themselves in any one of these sports. It's really hard on them to give up every afternoon to practice and then be abandoned by the school when the going is tough. Now it's time we all change our indifferent attitudes and begin truly to back every team and activity.

In concluding on a more cheerful thought, the generous and spontaneous desire of our entire school to help the European schools in starting anew has received commendation and thanks from many sources. Let's inject some of this fine spirit into the remaining sports and activities.

Andydotes
By Andy

Though most couples have been breaking up this past month, there are still some kids that are just starting to double up. Congratulations to Dot Hurt and Phil Dawson and Lynn Rask and Pete Alexander!

Mary Ellen Douglas lost her appendix and Bill Neff lost his tonsils, but they both made a big gain when they switched pins. It must be love when a boy will travel from Middletown every weekend just to be with his steady.

The social club held their elections recently and bestowed TOP honors on: Zella Surre of S.T.D., Martha Lou Brown of W.R.R., Jenny Lou Craig of M.H.A., Merny Hamilton of S.S.S., Dot Seidel of S.P.C., and Polly Palmer of S.B.B. Dick Falls is the new president of P.B.X., Dick Moat of K.P.K., Phil Dawson of G.D.I., and Tim Roudebush of the new K.X. club. Lots of success to you all!

And just to keep it in the family, both Joan and Jack Lyons have joined the "ball and chain" club. Joan's "chain" is Scoot McVay, and Jack's girl is Shirley Weber.

Some of Mr. Park's students (?) are seriously considering adopting Jack Horner's method of "Kiss and Tell" to pull a good grade, the easy way.

Is it just a Platonic friendship that's making Liz Duffill and Charles Fillmore so inseparable?

Put all these assets of Shaker's brawn together and you'll have a "better-than-Van" man.

Hair	Wes Brewer
Eyes	Al Littman
Nose	Don Frye
Mouth	Frank Tichy
Smile	Suds Bissell
Dimples	Jim Mericka
Physique	Brooke Calder
Legs	Dave Dressler
Shoulders	Bruce McNab
Clothes	Phil Dawson
Personality	Dick Falls
Popularity	Ross Cowan
Friendliness	Ted Bamberger
Joviality	Hugh Wells
Sincerity	Jack Holler
Character	Bruce McIntyre
Manners	Bob Roberts
Intelligence	Al Pope
Line	Henry Seasholes
Loyalty	Jim Smith
Fickleness	Howie Markt
Mystery	Bill Gregg
Dancing Ability	Bob Wood
Athletic Ability	Jerry Cook

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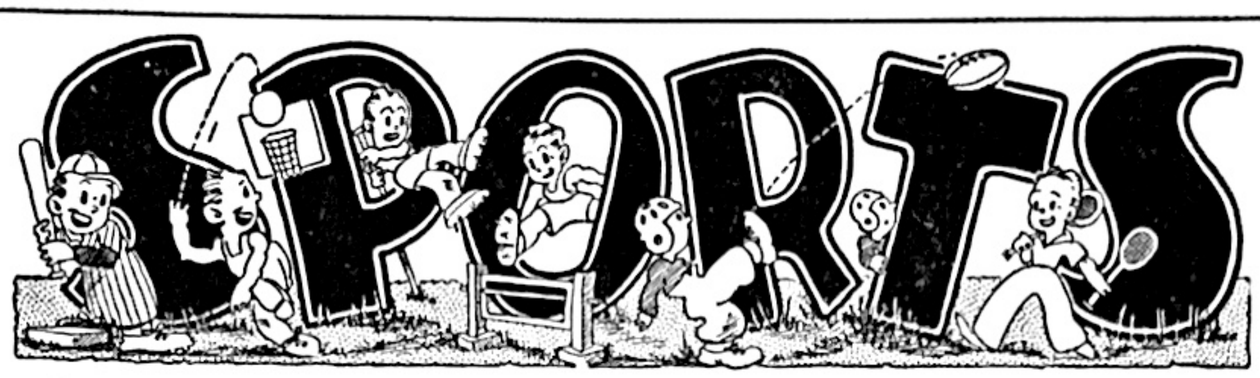


Raiders Out to Dump Rangers

Striving to repeat last year's final-game upset over Lakewood, Coach Schoen's cagers tonight complete this year's season in which they have downed only Euclid Central at presstime. The West Siders' main threat is Center Johnny Yuhas, who rates high among L.E.L. hoop swishers.

Jack Balazs had been moved up to first-string and Bob Chamberlin was aiming toward stardom, but the Red and White, unable to cope with Lorain's fast breaks and signal-calling, bowed to the Steelmen, 26-43, exactly one month after Christmas. Making his initial appearance of the year, Bill Gregg, true to the form of last semester's star, fouled out in the final period, but salvaged six points to tie Jack Balazs and Dave Dressler as high scorers for the Shaker courtmen.

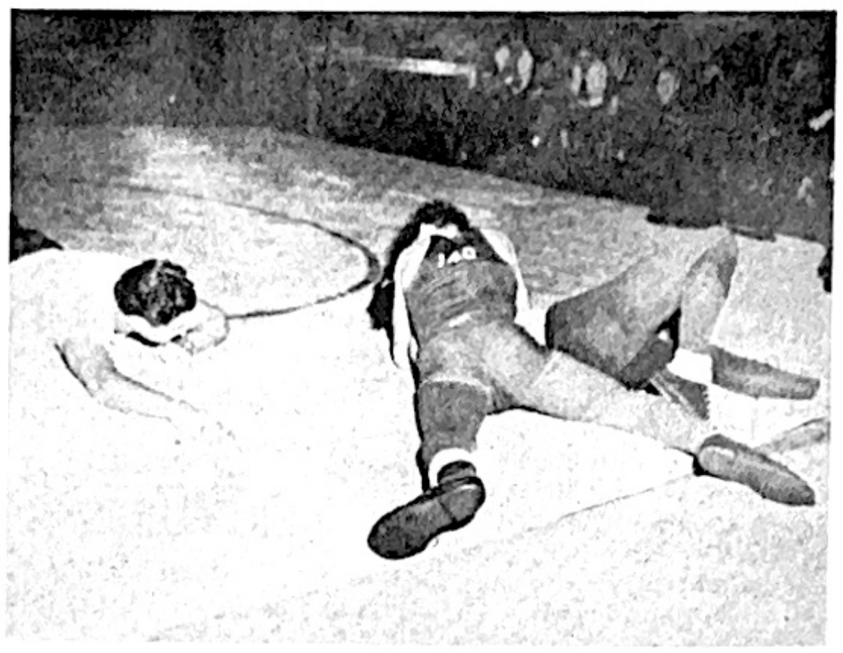
Four days later, grads Marty Grosser, Al Roberts, and Jim Jones headed a sharp-shooting alumni five as they rolled over the Raiders, 47-24. Art Portugal topped the scoring for the varsity with eight markers.

Gridiron stars Jack Palmer and Johnny North, lowered Shaker spirits another notch, leading Shaw to a 44-28 trouncing of "Our Side" three weeks ago. Portugal was high point man again, tallying 10 points.

Sparked by another pigskin toter, Vic Janowicz (the mysterious number 00 who poured in 18 tallies), Elyria handed Shaker its ninth trimming of the season, 48-38, before one of the year's top crowds. Trailing by a score of 26-38 midway in the third stanza, the Raiders, led by high scorer Art Portugal, rallied to come within a field goal, but failed to hold their temporary [illegible] over the Pioneers. The sophs lost, 25-51.

Glancing back over the record, we find the team lacked a clicking offense and accurate shooting. The brightest spot during the schedule was Captain Mike Narten's shooting (reminiscent of Eddie John) and terrific defensive work. The Schoenmen probably would have tripped Heights' powerful quintet 40 days ago had Mike not accumulated five personal fouls at the outset of the fourth quarter. The Tigers won, 56-51. A number of men will return next season, including regulars Gregg, Chamberlin, and Jerry Cook.

The j.v.'s, topped by George Reinbrecht, close against Ranger squad that defeated them, 42-27, January 18. In its first ten starts the soph-junior quintet gained decisions over only Glenville and Elyria (with the aid of four varsity lads).



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EMBRACEABLE YOU: Seductive Milt Klein working his wiles on a Lakewood opponent, comes through with a pin in the recent Shaker-Lakewood 17-17 deadlock.

---Athletic Annies---

By Janie and Moe

Flash-here is the latest nuze from the swimming and gym departments hot from none other than our competent teachers, Miss Komp and Miss Burke. We give it to you as we heard it strictly from them. The Ohio Women's Swimming Association so kindly sent a letter to **Miss Burke saying that they are sponsoring a swimming meet at C. A. C. and wouldn't we like to** join in on the fun. Why sure, a four-girl, 80-yard free style relay team is entering, here's hopin'! The whole purpose of this meet is to promote interest in aquatics.

Full-fledged sharcs now, otherwise known as the lucky kids who passed the rugged tests, are Audrey Tomlinson, Jo Ellis, Phyllis Faber, Mary Roderick, Lorna Becker, Martha Leas, Martha Nelson, and Jane Pope—fins off to them!

There are new officers for both sharcs and swimming leaders (this year they have two clubs, you know-neither did I). President of sharcs, Verna Hempy; vice-president, Martha Dennis; secretary, Joan Clark; and treasurer, Nancy Becker (no wonder they're short of money!). Officers of the swimming leaders are much the same, with a few changes. Verna, president (popular girl!); Nancy Becker, vice-president, Joan Clark, treasurer; Betty Janssen, program chairman, and Martha Dennis, secretary.

Eight people are being kept guessing by Miss Burke, with the exception of Lois Lefkowitz, who has made the grade, to whether or not they are swimming leaders—or rather they're on probation for a month and if they meet the standards, pass a retest, and generally show that they're good little girls (which they are, nach!); they become real and true swimming leaders. But, meanwhile, they are still doing the regular duties of swimming leaders—they work hard—until either accepted or dropped.

At this point Miss Komp peeps into the picture to tell us the ways and wherefores of gym. Hathaway Brown School has invited the Sophomores and Seniors over for a hot game of basketball—dunno what happened to the juniors? They were just plain left out on that one! But don't feel neglected, juniors, Feb. 20 all grades pop over to Laurel for a game. We hope to return the kindness of these private schools and ask them to come over here (yak, yak).

Intramural basketball has begun. In each class and after school, too, there are close tournaments going on (pant, pant!). Maybe there will be a few new leaders taken in. Boy, were present ones slightly peeved at something or other—and they even gave an apple to the teacher, in fact we received a whole darn fruit of the month! But bribery can never fool a person, so they all got what they deserved and liked it or lumped it!

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Grapplers Gun for All-State Championships March 1-2

On January 17 Shaker's mighty wrestling team trampled U. S., 26-8. The U. S. squad won only two matches. Ross San Filippo chalked up the only pin. Don Edelman, Jim Smith, Shelly Estes, Milt Klein, John Terhune, Pete Tripodes, and Al Littman copped decisions from their befuddled opponents.

The best meet of the year took place at Marshall on January 23. The lead changed hands in almost every match, with Shaker finally emerging on top, 19-17. The score was 17-11 in Marshall's favor going into the last two matches, but Shaker's Pete Tripodes and Al Littman were undaunted and both proceeded to whip their men—Pete with a decision, Al with a pin, to pull the match out of the fire for Shaker. Don Edelman pinned his opponent, with only a few seconds to go, to secure the only other pin for Shaker. Jim Smith and Milt Klein each wrapped up decisions.

In a wild match Shaker gained a tie with Lakewood on January 31. It was a very even battle throughout. Lakewood took four decisions and a pin. Shaker did the same. Milt Klein succeeded in getting Shaker's only pin. Lefty Janssen, Don Edelman, Dan Tobin and Al Littman all decisioned their worthy opponents.

Coach Klingel deserves a lot of credit for the terrific team Shaker has had this season. The whole squad rates a bouquet for its present standing in the league. Shaker and Lakewood are tied for second place. John Adams is in first place (as of February 4).

The boys are now preparing for the State Championships to be held March 1 and 2. Don Edelman and Milt Klein are high-point men so far. Don—32 and Milt—26. These boys in particular are eyeing state champion titles. They have good cause considering they are undefeated. Best of luck to the whole team in the tournament.

Intramurals Begin Second Half Battle

Long established as the most popular of the intramural sports included in Gym Coach Howard Moritz's physical education program has been the annual basketball schedule of tournaments. This year, as in the past, a large turnout is achieved for the Monday, Wednesday and Friday basketball leagues.

At present the fellows are in the midst of class A and B tournaments, set up so as to include the better players in A and give the younger fellows their opportunity to play with other boys equally rated in basketball skill. Teams were chosen two weeks ago, and the first games were played. Team A captains are Tom Cristal, Dick Schultz, Norm Baskin, Paul Kossick. The B teams, which play on Wednesdays, are captained by Ned Hess, Paul Thoburn, Bob Skaff and Benton Russell.

Interclass Tournament Completed

In the only tournament of the previous semester, the competing teams were organized on an inter-gym class basis. Two quintets were selected from each gym class, one representing the upper classmen, those with one swim a week, and the other comprised of underclassmen from the two swims side.

Under the rules formulated at the outset, a team was eliminated after two losses. After a month of fierce competition, the field narrowed down to two finalists in each division. In the "two-swimmers' final, the third period carried off first place honors, defeating the fourth period courtmen. Members of the victorious Period squad were Paul Thoburn, Dick Morimoto, Lloyd Omura, Dick Daniel, Dave Gleason, Dick Hudson, Bill Akos, Jan Hoogenboon, and Bob Skaff.

The championship clash in the upper classmen bracket also found the third period pitted against a fourth period quintet. This final game, played full floor, proved to be one of the closest, hard-fought, and bitterly contested struggles yet staged this season. The fourth period five, duplicating their 4-3 advantage of the first quarter, led at half-time, 8-6. The Period 3 courtment put all they had into the action during the third quarter, and they succeeded in narrowing the margin to 14-13. Then in the final stanza the fourth period quintet rallied and came off the floor victors by a score of 21 to 15.

Fourth Period Takes Championship

The fourth period champs are Bart Newell, Al Milano, Doug Frank, Tom Cristal, Jim Wolf, Al Pope, Joel Toby, and Ned Hess. The fellows comprising the runner-up five are Marc Hyre, Dick Schultz, Dan Tobin, Don Frye, and Dave Donaldson.

Coach Moritz has the medals ordered for the championship squads and ribbons were presented to the runner-ups.

Wells and Mericka *Lead Swim Team*

"God's gift to the swimming team," that's no joke, son. For Shaker's two contenders for state championships, Jim Mericka, and Hugh Wells, are what every swimming coach dreams about.

Take Jim Mericka, for example. He, in the words of Mr. Lee, is the "hard working captain" who has led our team, and all the other teams in the Lake Erie League, in the 100 and 50 yard free style. Jim has been on the team for three years, and has proven his qualities for leadership, by being elected to captain the Shaker mermen this year. Last summer he spent all his time as a life guard at the Cumberland Pool. This was the easiest and best way for him to get the practice he wanted. Maybe some of you Shakerites saw him there. Jim is in the 12A, and this is his last year on the swimming team. He sure is making it a memorable one for Shaker.

Cleveland's diving champion, Hugh Wells, is one guy our school can really be proud of. When state meets come around, Hugh is a fellow who can be expected to bring home that state diving championship for Shaker. You know, it takes a lot of endurance and just plain guts, to get up there and dive from that board into the water, far, far below, and Hugh Wells certainly has a lot of what it takes, 'cause he's shown it many times. Hugh likes diving from a high board, and almost any day last summer you could have seen him spiralling from the high board of the Lakeside Hotel pool, where he served as a life guard. This is his last year in Shaker, and Mr. Lee, and all of us, would like to see him come home from Columbus with the state championship. That is, "if he doesn't have too many dates," quoted Mr. Lee.

Neetnac Obtains Air Waves Debut

On Saturday evening, January 26, Mr. Stan Gee of WGAR came to the canteen, and with the aid of some Shaker students, Mr. Gee transcribed a session at the Neetnac. This special program, recorded on five sides, was played over WGAR at 3:30 p. m. on February 2. WGAR and Mr. Gee were aided in planning this program by the new officers of the canteen: president, Jane Casey; vice-president, Marilyn Mitchell; secretary, Lynn Rask; and treasurer, Al Pope.

Mr. Gee, who was the master of ceremonies, gave the Neetnac a marvelous introduction on the first record. On the second side he interviewed Lynn Rask, and asked her about the canteen, why it was started and who started it. The material for the interview was taken from a history of the canteen, specially written for the occasion by John Richardson. Ross Cowan was then quizzed by Mr. Gee about the attendance and the kind of food at the canteen. The fourth platter was devoted to a musical quiz program about bands. Roberta Good, Mary Ann Early, Nancy Bigalow, Don McDonnell, and Jack Bahl were the lucky Shakerites who made this platter. On the last side Mr. Gee gave a farewell speech. Mr. Gee also played Shaker's four favorite records on the radio program—"Symphony," "Hubba, Hubba, Hubba," "On the Sunny Side of the Street," and "Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief."

Lake Erie Choirs To Sing at Lorain

Once again the Choirs of the Lake Erie League are making preparations for the Annual Festival, which will be held this year at Lorain High School on March 22. The schools which will be represented at the Festival are Shaker, Shaw, Lakewood, Cleveland Heights, Lorain, and Elyria.

Mr. Ellis, who has taken over Shaker's choir after serving in the Army Air Forces, has begun rehearsals of three numbers which he feels quite confident the group will sing at that time. They are "Searching for the Lambs," "From Grief to Glory" and "South American Fantasie," which is based on "Cielito Lindo," "Ay, Ay, Ay" and "El Relicario." This number, which was arranged by Milton and Arthur James, will be worked out featuring "four hands" at one piano.

The highlight of the evening will be the joining together of the six choirs in the singing of four selections. Mr. M. Beck, director of the Elyria Choir, will direct the mass group in "Salvation is Created" and "Three Blind Mice", "The Old Ship of Zion" and Handel's "Hallelujah, Amen" from "Juda Macabaeus" will be directed by Mr. Howard Hansen of Lorain High School.

Concert Proceeds to Assure Marching Band New Uniforms

A hush falls over the audience as the conductor comes walking across the stage. As he mounts the podium, every instrument in the band is raised to playing position. When he waves his baton the music of fifty instruments pours forth, filling the auditorium.

These are some of the things that you will see and hear as the Shaker High School Band begins its Spring Concert on Friday, March 8. Highlighting the program will be a series of tenor solos by Mr. J. Norman Staiger, who did a wonderful job of entertaining the school at an assembly earlier in the year. Mr. Staiger will also sing "Song of Songs" with the band accompanying him.

The girls will swoon to a trumpet solo by Ian Seed and a smooth trombone solo by Dick Tappenden. Don Seymour and Bill Hutchinson will play an interesting duet entitled "The Two Little Bullfinches." The band will play "Headlines," which is an ultra-modern piece representing a newspaper office; "Rhythm Moods," which is a strictly solid piece containing the themes of "Mood Indigo," "Black and Tan," and other well-known jazz classics; and "Holiday for Strings," which is all the more remarkable considering that there are no violins in the band. Other pieces will be the "Manx Overture" and some fast-moving marches.

It looks like a swell program, and the band, under the leadership of Mr. Jack Booth with the assistance of Mr. Jack Evans, is anticipating an excellent concert season. The purpose of this concert is to raise funds so that the band can go marching down the field in new uniforms next fall, so by your ticket purchase you will do yourself a favor and help the band, too. Come on, Shakerites, let's show the band that we're behind them by being one hundred per cent at the concert. Urge your parents and friends to purchase patron tickets.

Joan Spencer Stars In 'Kiss and Tell'

Much recognition is due Shaker's favorite actress, Joan Spencer, for her most recent accomplishments. Joan has been cast as Corliss Archer in "Kiss and Tell," which opened Wednesday, February 13, at the Lakewood Little Theater. This is the role played by Shirley Temple in the screen version of the play.

As is known to most Shakerites, this recent stage success is not new to our modest young starlet. Joan began her acting career at the age of six when she was cast in a radio show at the N. B. C. studios in Chicago. Her appearance in a technicolor film narrated by Lowell Thomas resulted in her discovery by the producers of "Guest in the House," and her debut on Broadway in the opening of that show there.

In 1942 she won the acclaim of all critics and was chosen by Billboard Magazine as Broadway's outstanding juvenile of the season.

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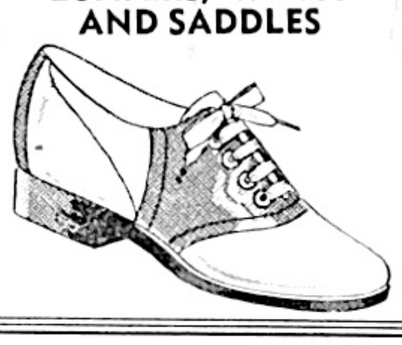
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